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REFERENCES

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REMARKS Paragraphs 1 and 2

1. Between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on 18 September 1952, convoys with a total of about 2,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 8 x 20-mm AA guns loaded on trucks; 8 x 45-mm AT guns; 12 x 122-mm field howitzers; 12 field kitchens; not less than 100 factory-new trucks of the [redacted] and staff truck [redacted] passed through Schwerin (N 54/T 46). The convoys came from the direction of Wismar and proceeded toward Ludwigslust. [redacted] the personnel of the Hagenow military post were also moving out because on the same day the road to Krebsfoerden was blocked. Residents of Schwerin alleged to have observed tanks and artillery moving toward Ludwigslust. The tanks come from the direction of the Goerries airfield. At 1:30 p.m. on 19 September, a train carrying 8 x 100-mm AT guns went from Schwerin to Ludwigslust. (1)

2. On 21 September, 23 T-34 tanks [redacted] were loaded at the Neustrelitz (N 51/U 54) railroad station. The material come from the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Penzliner Chaussee. On 23 September, [redacted] 4 trucks [redacted] towing a 57-mm AT gun; 2 armored scout cars; about 200 trucks [redacted] numerous motorcycles; and about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia. Two armored scout cars; 30 trucks [redacted] and 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Glambecker See (lake) restricted area. Twelve 120-mm mortars, 4 x 37-mm AA guns; about 50 trucks and 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the Alte Grenadier Kaserne on Strelitzer Strasse. Four M-13 SP guns, 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 30 to 40 trucks and 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the Schlossgarten restricted area. All these units moved in the direction of Wessenberg and returned in the afternoon of 26 September. In the afternoon of the same day, 9 tanks, 9 SP guns, 1 prime mover and 11 trucks [redacted] were detrained at the railroad station. (2)

3. At 4 p.m. on 6 September, a troop train consisting of 10 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 guns; 8 trucks mounting twin guns of

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about 37 mm caliber and [redacted] 5 trucks towing guns of about 57 mm caliber passed through Stralsund (N 55/P 44). The train came from the direction of Rostock and [redacted] proceeded toward Rueren. Trucks [redacted] were seen on the streets of Stralsund, moving toward Ruegen. (3)

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4. At 6 a.m. on 24 September, a convoy of about 30 trucks occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 5 trucks carrying light AA guns of about 20 mm caliber passed through Beclitz (N 53/Z 51) and proceeded toward Potsdam. Motor vehicle [redacted]

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[redacted] on 27 September, 8 SP guns including [redacted] about 40 trucks including [redacted] 4 field kitchens; ambulance [redacted] and about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Beclitz in the direction of Potsdam. (4)

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Comments.

(1) The units involved are believed to have been from the Wismar post, including units of the 268th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. Information received [redacted] which observed vehicle convoys of elements of the 263d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt from Hagenow and from the Schwerin military post passing through Perleberg toward Wittenberge and Bad Wilsnack indicates that these units also participated in the movements observed. [redacted] The troop movements observed were very probably connected with exercises held by component units of the Third Shock Army in the area between Letzling Heath (northern section), Rathenow and Havelberg about 23 September. [redacted] The train observed on 19 September, probably carried a unit of the 4th Gds AT Arty Brig (US) of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps.

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(2) These data confirm the observations [redacted] according to which one train each loaded with units of the 9th Gds Tank Div was unloaded at the Altruppin railroad station on 21 and 22 September 1952. After 23 September, the units participated in exercises in the Rheinsberg-Mirow area. According to the present report, these exercises were completed on 26 September. In a previous report, the assumption was that the infantry and artillery elements of the division concerned had reached the training area by road. [redacted] The data contained in paragraph 2 of the present report indicates that these units included the bulk of the 33th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt. These units can therefore be considered as being confirmed in the Infantry Base in Neustrelitz until 23 September. The information on the individual units observed leaving the various military installations of the post agrees with the previous assumption of the occupation of Neustrelitz.

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(3) [redacted] it is inferred that the train carried units of the IV Arty Corps, probably of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US), which are believed to have returned from Rostock Heath where they had held firing practices. The vehicles observed in the streets of Stralsund belong to the GOFB.

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(4) [redacted] it appears that the two convoys belong to the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) and the 90th RL Regt (US). The units were probably returning from firing practices in Jueterbog and were probably proceeding to their posts in Doberitz and Schoenwalde.

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